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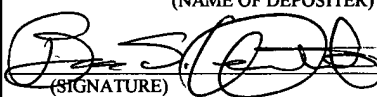
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FOR: Method for Obtaining Increased Particle Concentration for Optical Examination

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Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for obtaining a liquid sample having an increased cellular or particulate concentration for optical examination comprising:

- (a) providing an apparatus comprising:
a separation chamber;
a wall surrounding said separation chamber;